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## Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **Shelter to Housing Continuum Project, Recommended Draft**

I am against letting people camp in Portland. I want the sit-lie ordinance to remain in effect. Surely there must be another option. There are empty warehouses and parking lots all over town where they could live in shelters or their cars with city providing portable toilets and showers and garbage disposal. The camps are piled with rubbish and infested with rats. It is embarrassing. I see the people and most are able-bodied and could work but must be freeloading because you are allowing it. There are needles everywhere and that is a danger to us all. Round them up, test them for drugs and get them in treatment centers and work programs. Oregon has passed measures providing treatment centers. I am sick of all the destruction of natural areas where the deer used to be seen regularly, like along NE 33rd south of Marine Drive. Have you seen that area over the last year? I believe it is Port of Portland property and now it is a hazardous waste site full of trash, heaps of deconstructed cars and a mud pit. I pay taxes to live in my house and these people are freeloading. It is not fair and that is the point. If they can't get a job or home in Portland, they can move somewhere else until they find one. It is not my problem but they are the problem. Before tent camping was allowed, there few homeless and therefore a ban on tent camping worked. Crime has obviously increased wherever these camps are and though some homeless are innocent the majority are stealing cars, catalytic converters and anything they can grab from yards or homes and stores. Make Portland green and safe again, please! And stop making excuses for the homeless, make them responsible.

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